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LEISTON-cum-SIZEWELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Interim Report of the Medical Officer of Health.  
for the year ended 31st December 1942.

To the Chairman and Councillors of the Leiston-cum-Sizewell  
Urban District Council.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

In continuance of war-time practice the Minister of Health again requires that only an interim report should be given and that vital Statistics and other records should be carefully preserved.

Compared with the previous year there was a marked decrease in the number of cases of Infectious Disease notified. Of the 26 cases six were of Tuberculosis and three of these were pulmonary. The numbers on the register increased from 11 to 16., the increase being mainly non-pulmonary.

Diphtheria immunisation was continued and 100 children were protected during the period. Precise figures are unobtainable but it is estimated that at the end of the year 70% of the children under 5 were protected and 78% of those between 5 & 15. If it is taken into account that children are not usually treated until they are 10 months old the percentage of eligible children under 5 who have been immunised is 83%. As before, County Council, Teachers and Nurses co-operated to obtain this good result.

Six cases of Scabies in three families were brought to my notice during the year. They cleared up under treatment at home.

The suggested Ministry of Health enquiry into the extension of the sewerage system down Abbey Road in order to protect the Town Water supply has not yet been held.

I have the honour to be,  
Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) Wm. M. Burns.

